

MINUTES

UTAH ELECTRICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building**

CONVENED: 09:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:50 A.M.

DOPL STAFF

F. David Stanley, *Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Katie Tris, *Secretary*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Stevens, *Chairman*
Frank Rydalch
David Kingery
Harold Weight
Dirk Burton

VISITORS

Robert Berntsen, *ATK*
Jason Berry, *State Energy Program*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech. College*
Renee McDonough, *IEC of Utah*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Vern Petersen, *International Code Council*
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Lori Stewart, *Mountain Land Applied Tech. College*

Brad Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES

The January 18, 2007 board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Harold Weight made a motion to accept the minutes as written. David Kingery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**SOLAR POWER LICENSE
CLASSIFICATION**

Stevens stated the Construction Services Commission referred the S202 Solar Photovoltaic Contractor license classification back to the Electrical Board. The issue the commission wanted the Electrical Board to resolve was whether the 25 kilowatt limitation should be removed from the proposed S202 license classification. Jason Berry, speaking in behalf of solar contractors, asked the Electrical Board to remove the 25 kilowatt limitation. Through discussion it was concluded that basically larger and smaller solar photovoltaic systems were made up of the same components. Also, presently there were systems being built that were outside this limitation. Weight made a motion that the 25 kilowatt limitation language be removed from the proposed S202 Solar Photovoltaic license classification. The motion was seconded by Kingery and all members voted in favor.

**ROBERT BERNTSEN
ALLIANT TECHSYSTEMS**

Robert Berntsen met with the board regarding Alliant Techsystems employees becoming licensed electricians. Alliant Techsystems is licensed as a general electrical contractor. The company is also a defense contractor and is known as ATK. Berntsen brought in several applications for the board to review. The board, after their discussion with Berntsen and review of the applications, concluded the applications were incomplete and did not show past work hours. The applications were given back to Berntsen and he was informed not to submit the applications until they were properly filled out with the required information. The applications, when submitted and the required fees paid, would be individually reviewed by the board.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Stevens distributed an agenda for the state legislative House Business and Labor Standing Committee. The committee would be addressing Senate Bill 147 on February 16, 2007. This bill is sponsored by Senator Mike Demitrich and was supported by the electrical industry.

State code 58-55-305(1)(m) excluded railroads, telephone, utilities and others from electrical licensing requirements. The bill eliminates the wording "or under contract with" from this section of the code. This verbiage "or under contract with" allowed a contractor to build an electrical power plant without using licensed electricians. Renee McDonough stated she would be in attendance to this committee meeting along with Mike Pennie and Todd Miller. Dennis Meservy also indicated he would be in attendance. House Bill 324 was also discussed. According to Stevens, this bill would raise what is commonly referred to as the handyman exemption from less than one thousand dollars to less than five thousand dollars. H.B. 324 would have a very negative impact on the construction and burglar alarm industries. Stevens said he would be watching the progress of the bill.

REVIEW TEST SCORES

The board reviewed the test score reports for six months from Thomson Prometric. The board requested that Thomson Prometric provide monthly test score reports for review.

AL HEWITT, P.E. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER

Stevens presented to the board a packet from Al Hewitt, P.E. Hewitt was seeking approval to be a continuing education provider for electricians. According to the information provided, Hewitt has over eighteen years of experience as a technical engineer with Bussmann and is currently approved as a continuing educator provider in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Stevens said Hewitt provides seminars and training to electricians, distributors, inspectors, engineers, and contractors. A motion was made by Kingery to approve the course. The motion was seconded by Frank Rydalch and all members voted in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Board reviewed out of state applications.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

Board Chairperson Signature

Date

Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

Date